

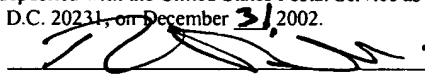


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In the application of:

Casey D. MORROW, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/756,551

Filing Date: 8 January 2001

For: ENCAPSULATED RECOMBINANT
POLIOVIRUS NUCLEIC ACID AND
METHODS OF MAKING AND USING SAME

Examiner: Joseph T. Voitach

Group Art Unit: 1632

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 18 November 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 18 December 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 18 January 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Further restriction appears required. Applicants thank the Examiner for the discussion by telephone on 30 December 2002 regarding the apparent expansion of the elected group, group IV, drawn to methods of eliciting an immune response to an antigen.

Applicants especially appreciate the willingness of the Examiner to consider, although possibly further restrict, claims such as those proposed below. As discussed, the claims as filed with the application were already the subject of issued patents; therefore, strictly speaking, election of any particular group would have been pointless. However, the application supports the claims that follow and these claims have not yet been pursued. Entry of the amendment and consideration of these claims is therefore requested.